To the Honourable

The *Knights, Citizens* and *Burgeſſes*

In this preſent

Parliament Aſſembled.

The Humble Petition of *Thomas Wright*, *John Hooper*, *Jeremiah Ellitees*, and *John Richmond* Seamen, late belonging to the Ship *Bengall*, and *Thomas Barnes*, *John Lambert*, *Robert Shergold*, and *William Beſt*, lately belonging to the Ship *Reſolution*, in behalf of themſelves and other poor Seamen to the Number of One Hundred and upwards, who ſerved the *Eaſt-India-Company* in the Wars againſt the great *Mogull* and other Heathen Princes.

Sheweth,

THAT the ſaid Company ſome time ſince enter'd your Petitioners and others on Board the ſaid Ships the Bengall and Reſolution, to make direct Voyages to and from the Eaſt-Indies at very low Wages, there being then no Wars to their Knowledge, nor did apprehend any, where, in ſome ſhort time after your Petitioners Arrival, the ſaid Company's Agents and Governours engaged the ſaid Ships in actual War againſt the ſaid Great Mogull, and compelled us the ſaid Petitioners to ſerve them in the ſaid Ship the Bengall, with this promiſe, that what Ships and Goods we ſhould take, we ſhould have One Sixth Part of the Value thereof, and did take a Ship and her Cargo, which by Computation was valued at One Hundred Thouſand Pounds Sterling. And we your Petitioners, who belonged to the Reſolution aforeſaid, were likewiſe promiſed, if we would go Aſhore and attempt the Garriſons, Forts, Magazines, Goods, &c. of Moors, we ſhould have one Sixth Part of what we ſhould take, whereupon we went Aſhore with the Hazard of our Lives, we attempted and took 60 Bayles of rich Goods, ſeveral Cheſts of Dollars of a great value, beſides a Fort and Guns, notwithſtanding all which Your Petitioners have not received One Penny, although have apply'd themſelves from time to time to their Commanders according to their Promiſe, as alſo the Eaſt India Company for their Dividend and Share thereof, but have hitherto been ſlighted and not in the leaſt taken notice of,

Wherefore the Premiſſes Conſider'd, Your Petitioners moſt humbly Implore and Addreſs themſelves to this Honourable Houſe for their Relief therein.

And Your Petitioners ſhall ever pray, &c.